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WEATHER BULLETIN.
WASHINGTON, April 14.—For lower Michigan: Generally fair; variable winds, slightly warmer.

OIL INSPECTOR McMillan.
Governor Rich has appointed Neil McMillan of Rockford to be state oil inspector. Mr. McMillan is a loyal republican, a man of great partisan zeal, and the appointment, while not a reward for party service, is a recognition of his sterling worth as an active party worker.

Mr. McMillan is particularly well qualified to discharge the duties of the office. He has served his district as a member of the legislature, and earned the distinction of performing his duties well. He has a wide and favorable acquaintance with the republican workers of the state. In every campaign against the democrats he has been among the foremost to take part in the real trials of party strength.

Governor Rich selected the name of Mr. McMillan from a list containing the names of six applicants. All of them are men of ability and standing. It was early decided, however, that the honor would be conferred upon a citizen of Kent county, and the contest thereupon narrowed down to a choice between three candidates. It is no reflection upon the two unsuccessful ones that Mr. McMillan is chosen. He was supported by all the active, recognized leaders of the party in this county.

It would be difficult for the governor to ignore Mr. McMillan's support, and in recognizing it he has proved he is not unmindful of the party's claim upon him. So complete was Mr. McMillan's endorsement that the other candidates practically abandoned hope of success more than a week ago. The appointment is very grateful to all loyal republicans in this county. It will tend to remove all causes for dissension and disagreement. The whole party and not a faction, is recognized, and therein is the source of its popularity. The governor has won the cordial thanks and gratitude of Kent county republicans.

THOSE PETITIONS.
What will break the force of the petitions in favor of continuing the superior court? The truth. The petitions do not represent intelligent sentiment. That is a broad statement? Yes, and it is a true one. Can anybody recall a single published argument in favor of the continuance of the court? No. Whenever reasons for its abolishment have been published, the answer has been, "Look at those petitions."

If those petitions represented the intelligent sentiment of the community, there would not be lacking at least one signer who would defend the wisdom of his signing. The truth is there is no reason why this court should be maintained at the enormous cost of \$30,000 a year, and there is no intelligent citizen that dares to assert there is such a reason.

Some of the signers of the petitions justify their act privately by asserting the necessity of a municipal court to adjudicate street-opening cases. Streets are opened in Jackson, Bay City and Muskegon without the aid of other than the constitutional judicial machinery. None of these signers presume publicly to justify their act, and yet are told the petitions represent the intelligent sentiment of the community.

The superior court takes \$20,000 out of the taxpayers and returns nothing. It returns nothing because all the business it transacts could be transacted in other existing courts. The petitions in its favor are not the products of a spontaneous sentiment, but are the products of craft, cunning, deceit and downright lying. They are entitled to no more weight than as if the names were procured for something entirely foreign to the superior court, and then added to a prayer for its continuance.

If such petitions shall discourage a representative in the performance of a public duty, he is unfit to hold a public office.

LUCK FOR PRESIDENT.
There has been a great deal of talk about making ex-Gov. Cyrus G. Luce, president of the Agricultural college. In some sections of the state it has been received with derision. But why not? The Agricultural college is in existence for the purpose of teaching young men how to farm. Cyrus G. Luce is a practical farmer. That is more than can be said of any man that has ever been at the head of the institution. If Mr. Luce were president of the college, he would see that farming is taught, too. If there wasn't anybody else in the faculty who could teach it, he'd teach it himself. There is no other man in the state who could give the students more valuable lessons on the

subject of practical farming than Cyrus G. Luce of Gilead.
And when it came to conducting farmers' institutes he would be a whole faculty in himself. Mr. Luce is not the kind of a man that would mistake buck wheat for chinch bugs. Neither would he purchase white birch shoe pegs under the impression that they were a new variety of wheat. He knows the difference between a Poland China steer and a Shorthorn steer. It is doubtful if so much can be said of many of the former presidents of the college. The farmers of Michigan would rejoice to hear Mr. Luce talk about silos and ensilage. Hitherto they have had a lingering suspicion that the distinguished scholars who have lectured to them on the subject of agriculture obtained their information from the *Bucholices* of Vergil and the prize essays of Horace Greeley. But not so with him.

As president of the college he might not be able to deliver abstract lectures on transcendental philosophy and the reflex action of the mind, but he would manage the institution on a plain, common-sense, matter of fact basis, and see that the students learned the difference between radishes and raspberries. There is a suspicion that the Agricultural college teaches too much of everything except agriculture. The few graduates that take to farming usually live in the city and hire some other man to raise the crops.

The Agricultural college would be honored in having a man like Cyrus G. Luce at its head. As president of the college the ex-governor could round out a life devoted to the good of the state and the welfare of its people.

ROACH IS WILLIN'.
Senator Roach has expressed himself in favor of an investigation of the charges of embezzlement preferred against him by Senator Hoar. He would have done so before had not his colleagues advised him it would be an affront to the dignity of that august body. A new senator is not expected to say anything until after he becomes acclimated to the hill of dignity which pervades the senate.

Now that he has expressed a willingness to be investigated his colleagues interpose the objection that the senate has no jurisdiction to inquire into his private affairs antedating his election and being in no wise connected therewith. This objection will be removed before the investigation will be proceeded with and it's apples to doughnuts the democrats will vote to sustain the objection.

Roach's action recalls a dramatic incident in the house. When the credit mobiler sensation shook the country with excitement few men in public life escaped the taint of suspicion. Among others that suffered most from the malicious imputations of dishonesty in accepting the stock of the company was the late beloved Blaine. When the house had received notice of the formal charges, Mr. Blaine, who was then speaker, left the chair of the house and taking the floor, invited the most searching investigation of himself and his relations to the company. He afterward appointed Judge Poland, a democrat, chairman of the committee.

It is a matter of history that Blaine was completely exonerated by the findings of his political enemies, but he was ever afterwards the target for malignant abuse in consequence of the suspicion. Roach has emulated the example of Blaine in demanding an investigation. What the end will be nobody can foresee but the democrats may be relied upon to smother the investigation if possible.

If it were not for the rollicking, happy college gives the memory of the gladder days in one's life would grow benumbed and die. To revive the fond affections for boyhood's school days and boyhood's school there is no tonic more invigorating than the mischievous music of campus and club. The annual visit of the Ann Arbor boys is looked forward to with pleasing anticipation by the numerous family of graduates of the state university residing in this city. The concert given last evening by the undergraduates equalled anticipations, and every alumnus of the university cherished an added degree of love and loyalty for his Alma Mater in consequence.

It was not necessary for the supreme court to decide upon the merits of the mandamus proceedings, hence the points made by Judge Cooley were not considered. There was a misjoinder of parties respondent and the court was without jurisdiction. A demurrer to the petition might have been raised, but the knock-out of the now thoroughly dazed democrat obstructionists would not have been nearly so complete and emphatic. Backwood and Turnbull may try it over again, but this decision ought to convince them it is dangerous to their reputations as lawyers to monkey with the supreme court buzz saw.

Young men in crowded cities or thickly populated regions who cannot come to the front will find their energies developed and their services appreciated in Grand Rapids, which welcomes generously all who come to aid in the city's building up and general development.
ALEXANDER of Serbia is a boy in years but the story of his famous coup d'etat reads like a mediaeval romance. If the young king manifests as much showbusiness in ruling his subjects as he did in entrapping his regents, the Serbian people will live to blow his reign.

anti-emption bill, was caught in the Pardridge squeeze and had to make good a million on "shorns." He will now return to the anti-emption fight with a desire for revenge.
GROVER CLEVELAND has written the following sentiment for the New York Press club's souvenir: "The people must be educated for the people rule." If the people were educated, Grover wouldn't be ruling at the present time.

At the naval review the men-of-war and battle-ships of ten nations will each fire a King's salute of twenty-one guns in honor of President Cleveland. Jeffersonian simplicity will take a brief vacation during the review.

Is Charlie Mitchell finally decides to abandon pugilism for preaching, it will be a sad day for the sinner who refuses to be converted when Charlie requests him to.

My! my! If Mr. Blount had known how angry it would make The Eagle, he never would have hauled down that flag for the world.

That report saying the Chicago waiters would strike before the world's fair opens is denied. They will wait until afterwards.

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.
Perry's anxiety to make all fitting reparation for the attack on our consular agent shows that the firm stand taken by the last administration in the Chilean matter was not without effect in restoring a wholesome respect for the United States among the South American powers.—Detroit Tribune.

A Washington correspondent announces that Joseph Quincy will look up certain consuls "after he has attended to larger game." The chairman of the Massachusetts democrat state central committee evidently knows what he is at.—Adrian Times.

It is just possible that the London commission, which examined and condemned the drinking water supplied in Chicago, was acting at the instigation and expense of the syndicate which supplies the windy city with beer.—Detroit Free Press.

Governor McKinley was a caller at the White House the other day. Perhaps he was taking the measure preparatory to occupying it himself in 1907. There is nothing like getting a good ready for important events.—Muskegon Chronicle.

Kansas seems to be coming to her senses. The republicans have carried the state and local elections by sweeping majorities. The frenzy of the alarmist will work out its own decline and death, if given sufficient latitude.—Hastings Banner.

The result of the recent election looks as though Daniel J. Campau was something of a rainbow chaser himself. Certainly, as a democrat campaign manager, he is a howling success—from a republican point of view.—Mancelona Herald.

With its customary greed and duplicity Great Britain seeks to prolong the Bering sea controversy, but has already found valiant and learned fighters in the men who represent this government.—Caldwell Democrat.

HIT AND MISS BRIEFS.
This is a free country, and the hackmen of New York city are quite right when they assert their inalienable rights to life, liberty and the wearing of whiskers.—New York Press.

Another mythical character has gone to join William Tell. The Atlanta Constitution says there is no such person as Duke Eotts.—Omaha Bee.

A Kentucky gentleman has been confirmed as minister to Peru. Here is the good old combination of whisky and quinine over again.—Chicago Post.

There is nothing in the constitution depriving the president of the United States of the privileges of a day of rest.—Evening World.

Mr. Maxwell evidently wants the next democratic nomination for the vice presidency. How that ax is flying!—New York Tribune.

Martin Maginnis Maginnis of Montana induces the new commissioner of pension that ought to settle him.—Buffalo Express.

The peach crop is not frost bitten, but the other crop, think the plum crop a complete failure.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Senator Gorman advises his constituents to look not upon the pie when it is nailed down.—Washington Post.

It Was.
Mrs. P.—I think I'll select this one. It will be a great surprise to John.

Will Be Welcomed.
Caldwell children have been invited by their Grand Rapids friends to attend the anniversary exercises in that city April 28. Reduced fares have been secured, and a large number will accept the invitation.—Caldwell Democrat.

FRED IS NOT SOUND

The Original Proceedings in the Leonard Case Affirmed.

SUPREME COURT'S OPINION
Handed Down by Justice McGrath Yesterday.—The Celebrated Case Affirmed With Costs.

The following is the gist of the supreme court's opinion, written by Justice McGrath and handed down yesterday, affirming the judgment of the circuit court in the matter of the estate of Fred H. Leonard.

This case comes here by certiorari directed to the circuit court for the county of Kent. Fred H. Leonard was, by the probate court of said county, upon the petition of his brother, adjudged mentally incompetent to have charge and management of himself and property, a corporation was appointed general guardian of his person and estate. Fred H. Leonard appealed to the circuit court. Some time after the appeal was perfected and before the trial of the circuit, appellant ascertained that at the time of the filing of the petition in the probate court, and at the time of the adjudication of incompetency, and the appointment of the guardian, the probate judge was a stockholder in the said Michigan Trust company, whereupon appellant moved the circuit court for an order reversing the order of the probate court.

The circuit judge denied said motion and the jury found a verdict continuing the probate court's judgment.

Judge Perkins Was Qualified.
It is insisted by reason of the disqualification of the judge of probate the court had no authority to issue the citation. The statute provides that upon presentation of the petition the citation shall issue. It was, therefore, a mere formal order, and did not involve the exercise of judicial discretion. The question is ruled by McFarlan vs. Clark, 30 Mich. 44. In that case the probate judge, who was a legatee in the will presented for probate, made an order assigning a day for the hearing, and providing for notice by publication, and it was expressly held that the fact that the probate judge was named as legatee in the instrument did not disqualify him, and was no objection to his making formal orders that put the case on the road to a determination.

The appeal in the present case was not alone from the appointment of the guardian, but from the adjudication of incompetency as well. Upon the appeal the case stood upon the original petition. The issue was not raised by a retrial, and so long as the probate court acquired jurisdiction by citation, service and appearance, it was immaterial what errors had been committed upon the subsequent hearing in that court, or whether or not the incumbent of the office of judge of probate who heard the case was disqualified to hear it and make the order appealed from or not. The motion made in the circuit court was to reverse the proceedings in the probate court in toto. The circuit court had no power to do so, and it appeared that the probate court had not acquired jurisdiction.

The appeal invested the circuit with power to act in the premises upon the original petition. The appeal was not abandoned nor was any attempt made to withdraw or dismiss it.

Were Synonymous Terms.
The jury found Fred H. Leonard "mentally incapable, and it is contended that such is not a finding of mental incompetency within the meaning of Howell's statutes 6314. The word "incompetent" is used in 6314, and the word "incapable" in 6345. Clearly the legislature regarded them as synonymous terms.

The other allegations of error relate to the instructions of the jury, and to the requests to charge. Respondent presents forty requests, thirty-eight of which were given as presented. Two were refused, but were substantially covered by the instructions given.

We find no error in the record, and the judgment is affirmed, with costs payable from the estate. It will be certified accordingly.

The other justices concurred.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.
Bishop Haygood of the Methodist Episcopal church, charged to be excommunicated, has been made to him for letters of recommendation to President Cleveland in behalf of office-seekers. The bishop bluntly observes in respect to these begging letters that he would rather dig sassafras roots for a living than seek office by writing such letters.

Among the more unassuming men for acts of quiet philanthropy, ex-Gov. Percival C. Cheney of New Hampshire, is one of the dearest of his life to give away his money, but every dollar thus bestowed is invariably well placed and never scattered broadcast.

Albert Chevalier, the leading London concert hall artist, is 45 years old. He first "tried the boards" when he was a lad of 6 years, and because a regular member of the theatrical profession at 15, he had fourteen years training in the legitimate drama.

Signor Canavina, the antiquarian who recently purchased an alleged life-size portrait of Christopher Columbus by Adrian, has demonstrated which way for the authenticity of the picture. Columbus is represented in the uniform of a Spanish soldier.

General Brinkhoff of Mansfield, Ohio, will succeed General R. B. Hayes as president of the National Farmers' Aid association. He has labored for several years in the first vice-presidency.

Mr. Leavitt, bishop of Tripoli, has been deported by the Pasha to proceed to South America, virtually, it is said, as an apostolic delegate directly appointed by the Pope.

Letter Charles Chas. Taylor of New York city, has been forty-eight years in the service and, in that time, is estimated, valued 200,000,000.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.
"Won't you give me just one little kiss my darling?" he pleaded in a low and tender voice.
"I can only say," she answered in her husky and hoarse whisper, "that I am a true Chicago girl, and the motto of Chicago is 'I will.'—Somerville Journal.

"Grace—Ah, good morning, judge! Tried them eggs I sent you yesterday morning, I suppose. (Would you find 'em?)
Judge Raschke—Would I find them?

Guilty, sir, guilty, every blamed one of them!—Buffalo Courier.

Deacon—Yes, you can go on for a time in your present course, but remember the wages of sin is death.
Young Traveler—O, I'm not so mercenary as to think only of pay. I'm quite willing to let the wages go.—Boston Transcript.

Mrs. Polkadot—What pretty new curtains you have! Where did you get them?
Mrs. Pleater—Easy enough. They are a couple of my husband's Ascot ties.—Vogue.

Jack—You seem worried tonight.
Tom—Yes; Mabel is here with a squint-eyed chapman, and I can't tell for the life of me whether she is watching me or not.—Harper's Bazar.

She (at the dog show)—I've looked all through the catalogue and don't see any mention of the Ocean Greyhound. Do see if you can find them.—The Club.

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MOTEL CHATS.
"For its size, Grand Rapids has one of the best equipped Y. M. C. A. buildings in the country," said M. R. Treat of Cleveland in the New Livingston yesterday. "I was surprised when I went through it the other day. I regard the Y. M. C. A. movement as the greatest religious, moral and social discovery of the age. It is the one of the few institutions designed to make men better by offering them something that appeals to the everyday side of their nature. It throws them into good surroundings and gives them opportunities for the highest and best forms of pleasure and recreation. I am surprised that the reformers did not conceive of the Y. M. C. A. before. It is the most logical and necessary in existence. But the great trouble has been that the preachers and teachers refused to see any relation between the moral and the mental and physical sides of man's nature. They thought that he ought to be good just for the sake of being good, and the fewer pleasures he had in life the better he ought to be; for to the old time evangelist anything that suggested enjoyment was synonymous with sin. The Y. M. C. A. has already saved more young men than all the preaching since Adam."

"Wheat in Michigan will be a No. 1 crop," said J. C. Stebbins of Milwaukee, in the Morton yesterday. "I have been all over the state and have kept close watch of the condition of grain. It makes a big difference in our business whether the farmers will have good crops or not. If they don't they can't buy agricultural implements, and if they can't buy, we can't sell. I have seen we are financially interested in the condition of the grain crop. Wheat is looking well. It was feared that the accumulations of snow and ice had smothered it, but I don't find it so. The snow melted fast and the weather has since been so good that anything could not help growing. If the weather continues as it has been, the farmers of Michigan will have a reputation of 1892 prosperity."

"There isn't much use in trying to do any business until after the world's fair," said C. J. Brown, a Boston traveling man, in the Morton yesterday. "Everybody is saving his money in order to go to the big exposition. So long as he is saving his money he won't buy anything, and so long as he doesn't buy anything the country merchant will not buy of us. There are thousands of families in the United States who are existing on the bare necessities of life in order to go to the fair. They realize that it will cost money to spend a week in Chicago, and so they are economizing with a capital E. After the first of May business all over the country will be duller than it has been before in years."

Miss Emma Silver of Detroit, a member of the state executive committee of the Young Woman's Christian association, died in The Morton yesterday. Miss Silver was in the city to consult with prominent religious leaders regarding the foundation of a local Y. M. C. A. She visited the officers of the Woman's auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. and is confident that an organization will be perfected in the city some time during the summer or fall.

E. J. Fay, who has just resigned his position as head clerk in Sweet's, will be clerk for the Willard Fraternity club of Chicago. He will assume his new duties May 1.

R. J. Lowrey, editor of the Howard City Express, was among the Michigan arrivals in the New Livingston yesterday.

F. Sears, a Rockford merchant, died in The Clarence yesterday.

Davis Olney, a prominent resident of

Ludington, was among yesterday's arrivals in the New Livingston.

Morton—J. Newman, Bay City; C. H. Putney, Ionia; H. W. Scott, Jackson; Miss Emma Silver, Detroit; W. H. Supple, Jackson; M. L. Cook, Hastings.

NEW LIVINGSTON—R. V. Friedman, Muskegon; D. W. Goodenough, Ludington; C. H. Leomin, Sparta; E. C. Dunbar, Grand Haven; R. J. Lowrey, Howard City; F. A. Clay, Turtle Lake; Davis Olney, Ludington.

Sweet's—William H. Hughes, Detroit; F. Adams, Kalamazoo; A. R. Watkins, Detroit; J. E. Bennett, Plymouth; J. Henning, Evart.

Engle—E. B. Hunt, Portland; N. E. Smith, Charlotte; A. E. Renkes, Hastings; R. J. Putney, Muskegon; A. C. Coulter, East Jordan.

Kent—E. Lorraine, Howard City; A. H. Foster, Allegan; H. Putterell, Grand Lodge; W. O. Pauer and wife, Traverse City; J. G. Johnson, Traverse City; W. N. Slaughton, Detroit.

CLARENDS—R. W. Webster, Lyons; R. M. Scott, Dutton; C. F. Sears, Rockford; E. E. Chappell, Berlin; Anson Brittain, Reno.

BRIDGE STREET—N. N. Pingle, Sand Lake; S. D. Ayres, Lansing; E. L. Wood, Mecosta; S. J. Jones, Kent City; A. H. Meeker, Sparta; W. F. Gainer, Flint.

BACKWARD SPRING.
It Has a Bad Effect on All Lines of Industries.

NEW YORK, April 14.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: Railroads have felt the effects of a large and severe winter, and now have a belated and irregular spring to retard movements of merchandise. Labor controversies cause less disturbance, but still some apprehension. In the great industries there is evidence that the volume of business is quite well maintained for the season, but not so much evidence of its continuance. The iron output April 1, was 176,333 tons weekly, against 176,978 last month and 180,492 a year ago, but stocks were reduced during the month at the rate of 14,500 tons weekly, so that actual consumption appears larger than a year ago. Pig iron is steady, though blossom is rather weak. Copper is also a shade lower. Coal has a stronger look, though the output for the year is nearly 800,000 tons greater than last year. The movement of wool is small and falls below last year's with much uncertainty about future prices, but mills are well employed as yet. Trade in cotton goods was rather disappointing in April. The boot and shoe trade is somewhat unsettled, as to the value of 2 1/2 to 5 cents which some manufacturers obtain but many buyers refuse. The shipments continue much the largest ever known. In speculative markets cotton is a quarter of a cent lower, the pressure of enormous stocks here and abroad being felt, as should have been expected, while reports of increased acreage come from the south. At nearly all points, both north and south, collections are rather slow for the season, with somewhat active demand for money at most. The business failures during the last seven days number for the United States 187 and for Canada 22, a total of 209, as compared with totals of 223 last week and 194 the week previous to the last. For the corresponding week of last year the figures were 235, representing 191 failures in the United States and 44 in the Dominion of Canada.

When a man reaches the point of dictator to his wife he has lived too long.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. And at the same time his mind, your mind and everybody's mind should turn, not lightly, but seriously, to the

Preservation of Winter Garments.

Manahan's Moth Bags

Will keep your clothing free from moths, rust and dust. The half barrel mammoth and extra mammoth have hooks inside on which to hang garments and which keep them from falling to the bottom and getting wrinkled and creased. These bags are healthful, air tight, clothing temper and money savers.

To-day the City of Norfolk Va., will be ablaze with festivities.

A banquet, designed to be the most sumptuous ever served on shipboard, will be given to the visiting officers of the various fleets which have participated in the naval demonstration at Hampton Roads. The resources of the culinary art will be exhausted in producing a menu made up of tempting dishes calculated to astonish an epicure.

GRASS CATCHERS.
A Yankee invention, made to attach to any size Lawn Mower and truly a most useful article. These attachments catch the cut grass as fast as thrown from the knives of the mower, obviate the necessity of using a rake and leave your lawn of velvet smoothness. The Grass Catchers are not expensive and prove most useful for the purpose designed.

We were going to say something today about **SPRAY PUMPS.**

But upon consulting the authorities we find that the worms, bugs and other insects upon which they are used do not gain their strength and destructive powers until a little later in the season, so we will reserve this subject until another time.

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Are in season and we have the best made.

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